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I too desire it, and for
your reasons. The breathing
spaces and suspended inclination,
Penelope's nocturnal unweaving,
the strategic deprivation.

The desert stint, though token,
engenders an actual thirst.
Locusts and acorns, forty
dragon-beleaguered days
and nights, to stitch
a tapestry of labyrinths.
Caves of the moon's blood,
a continuous gold thread,
the impossible blues of love.
And then to do it again,
perhaps in purples
or the shouts of the sun!

The heart's ascetic canker
must be humored, cannot
be cut out. With luck
it finds the circuitous path
to the last unicorn,
his chastened head
in the lap of his lady.

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